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SUBJ: CSCE: EXPERTS' MEETING ON SCIENTIFIC FORUM

1. SUMMARY: FIFTH WEEK OF EXPERTS' MEETING CAME TO SUCCESSFUL END AFTER LARGELY UNPRODUCTIVE BEGINNING. DELEGATES MOVED FROM FORMAL TO INFORMAL DRAFTING SESSION AFTER OVERCOMING SOVIET RELUCTANCE. IN FIRST FULL DAY OF WORK UNDER SWEDISH COORDINATOR, GROUP WAS ABLE TO MAKE GOOD PROGRESS ON DRAFTING OF FORUM THEMES, WHICH DELS LARGELY AGREE MUST BE DECIDED BEFORE REMAINING ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED. ALTHOUGH BASIC IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES CONTINUE TO DIVIDE EAST AND WEST, PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN INFORMAL GROUP LEADS MANY DELEGATES TO BELIEVE MEETING MAY BE ABLE TO FINISH WORK BY END OF JULY IN TIME ALLOTTED BY BELGRADE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT.

2. DRAFTING OF THEMES IS PROCEEDING ON BASIS OF NEUTRAL NON-ALIGNED TEXT RECEIVED BY INFORMAL GROUP 21 JULY. THE TEXT, WHICH IS A REFORMULATION OF ANNEX OF 6 JULY NNA DRAFT REPORT, ATTEMPTS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POSITIONS OF EAST AND WEST AS FORMULATED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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UNOFFICIAL PAPERS TABLED DURING COURSE OF WEEK AND MODIFIED DURING MEETINGS. INFORMAL GROUP "MENTALLY REGISTERED" FINAL ACT LANGUAGE AUTHORIZING SCIENTIFIC FORUM AS THE FORUM'S MAIN THEME:

QTE DISCUSSION OF INTERRELATED PROBLEMS OF
COMMON INTEREST CONCERNING CURRENT AND FUTURE
DEVELOPMENTS IN SCIENCE, AND PROMOTION OF

EXPANSION OF CONTACTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC
INSTITUTIONS AND AMONG SCIENTISTS. END QTE.
SIMILAR AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REACHED ON FORMULATION OF
FIRST TWO THEMES:

QTE EXACT AND NATURAL SCIENCES - SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH, IN PARTICULAR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH,
IN THE FIELDS OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES
AND FOOD PRODUCTION;
QTE MEDICINE - CURRENT TRENDS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH,
IN PARTICULAR IN BASIC RESEARCH, AND PRIMARILY ON
CARDIOVASCULAR, TUMOR AND VIRUS DISEASES, TAKING
INTO CONSIDERATION THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHANGING
ENVIRONMENT ON HUMAN HEALTH. END QTE.

A THIRD THEME HAS ALSO BEEN "MENTALLY REGISTERED" BUT
IS LESS CERTAIN THAN FIRST TWO AND IN ORDER TO CLOSE
A LONG MEETING DELEGATES AGREED THAT IT MAY BE REOPENED:

QTE THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES -
COMPARATIVE STUDIES ON SOCIAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC
AND CULTURAL MATTERS, ESPECIALLY THE PROBLEMS
OF HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. END
QTE

3. THE REMAINING ELEMENT OF NNA TEXT TO BE ADDRESSED
BY DELS IN INFORMAL SESSIONS SATURDAY 22 JULY IS

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FORMULATION OF 'FRAMEWORK' FOR FORUM DISCUSSION, AN IDEA PUSHED BY WESTERN REPS. EASTERN DELS HAVE FINALLY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO INCLUDE FRAMEWORK, PROBABLY MUCH LIKE ONE IN NNA TEXT. NNA FORMULATION FOR FRAMEWORK, WHICH IS MEANT TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR UNDERSTANDING FORUM GENERAL THEME IS:

QTE IN THIS TASK THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM" WILL PARTICULARLY BEAR IN MIND PRESENT RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND GOALS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH AS WELL AS THE PRESENT STATE AND FUTURE NEEDS OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND CONTACTS, INCLUDING THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF YOUNG SCIENTISTS, INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES AND THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT AMONG PARTICIPATING STATES. END QTE.

IN NNA PAPER, FRAMEWORK IS CONTAINED IN FOOTNOTE. WESTERN DELS WOULD PREFER PLACING IT UNDER THE ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK AND OTHER MODALITIES. EAST IS LIKELY TO SEEK SOME SEPARATION IN TEXT ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZE VALIDITY WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

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4. WHILE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON DRAFTING OF THEMES, MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL DIFFERENCES REMAIN TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE NEXT WEEK OF WORK. ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED INCLUDE WHAT STATUS DELEGATIONS SHOULD HAVE AND WHETHER THE FORUM SHOULD BE MANDATED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. EASTERN REPS INSIST THAT DELEGATIONS MUST REPRESENT THE PARTICIPATING STATES, WHILE WESTERN DELS OPPOSE GIVING THE FORUM THE TASK OF FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE APPEARS TO BE ENOUGH FLEXIBILITY IN BOTH POSITIONS HOWEVER FOR COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS TO BE FOUND. EASTERN DELEGATES WHILE PERSISTING IN THE BELIEF THAT LINKING PARTICIPATING SCIENTISTS TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS WILL LIMIT RECOMMENDATIONS PRIVATELY ADMIT THE DIFFERENCE WOULD BE SLIGHT.

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